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THE compilation of the gross earnings of twenty-four of the principal Western railroads for the month of February, made by *The Financial Chronicle*, shows a net gain of \$451,072 over February, 1876, the total this year being \$6,821,093. The gross earnings for two months were \$12,285,015, showing a net increase of \$1,389,413. Fourteen other railroads who have but recently reported their January earnings show a gain of \$661,382 for that month. All of this is important, as showing that there is a general increase in the traffic of the railroads, very few of which show any decrease, and where they do it is small. The inference is that the volume of general business is increasing, and that the era of recuperation has already begun.

THE Concord (N. H.) Monitor says that the Republican victory in that State is due, first, to the energy with which the campaign has been conducted alike by the Republican press of the State and by the Republican State Committee; second, to the popularity of our candidates; third, to the clearly-established fact that the Southern white South is aiming at supremacy in the National Government through the Democratic party, thereby not only reversing the result of the war, but opening the Federal Treasury to Southern war indemnities of an almost limitless magnitude; fourth, to the rottenness of the Democratic platform, which adopted the rebel interpretation of State rights, a financial plan upon which inflationists and anti-resumptionists might stand, and a temperance plank, which was "neither fish, flesh, fowl nor good red-herring."

Ward Lamon on His Ear.
Col. Ward Lamon, of Washington City, applied to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury some months ago for a position in the department for a particular friend of his, and was promised a place. Later on the Assistant Secretary informed him that the rush was tremendous, but that in due time his friend should be fixed. After long delay, however, and in answer to a fresh letter from Lamon, whose patience was about exhausted, the Assistant Secretary felt compelled to reply that there was no vacancy and no prospect of any. Lamon, who is something of a wag, writes to the official that this was the only favor that he had asked of the department, but inasmuch as the official seemed to regard him (Lamon) as an "impudent dependent upon royal favor," he begged leave to inform him that he was not a hanger-on around the department, and, further, that

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Immigration to the West.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—The immigration to Kansas is increasing every day. Nineteen cars of settlers have gone out on the Pacific road since midnight. Extra trains on the Santa Fe road took out sixty settlers from Philadelphia, a large party of negroes from Lexington, Ky., and a number from Iowa and Ohio.

Kansas City is filling up rapidly. Every available business house and residence in the city is rented, and new buildings are constantly going up. All the business in this section is doing better. Real estate and rents have taken a sudden spring upward, and speculation has commenced in sections and lots. Old settlers say the town was never so lively.

Died in a Beer Saloon.
St. Louis, March 5.—James Riley, a poor consumptive, lately from New Orleans, went into a saloon at No. 1130 Broadway, got a glass of beer, sat down in a chair, and, as the barkeeper thought, went to sleep. Customers went in and out. Riley went on sleeping. At a late hour, however, the barkeeper said, "Poor fellow, let him sleep." Hours passed by, and some one who had seen him previously remarked that the man occupied an uncomfortable position and ought to be roused up to change it. He laid hands on Riley's shoulder, and then fell back again. The revelry had been going on with a corpse in the room, and a dead man had been urged to take something.

Water Taxes—A Card from Mr. Erskine in Reply to Collector Black.

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SEALED PROPOSALS. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. WHEELING, W. Va., March 18, 1878.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk until Thursday, 21st day of March, 1878, at 10 o'clock P. M., for the purchase of hard blue limestone. The same to be delivered broken and spread on both between 16th and 17th streets. Work to be done under the supervision of the Street Commissioner and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Streets, Alleys and Grades. The Committee reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

B. O. R. INVESTIGATING COM. MITTEE. The committee appointed by the Legislature to investigate the charges of "charges for transportation" &c., on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, will meet at Martinsburg on the 24th day of April, at Keyser on the 30th day of April, at Grafton on the 5th day of May, and at Wheeling on the 12th day of May, 1878. All persons having complaints to make or evidence to produce upon the subject of inquiry are requested to appear before the committee at the time and places above mentioned. By order of the Committee. D. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.

IMPORTATION OF WHITE CHINA. JUST OPENED. New Shapes, New Designs, AT CUMMINS & WOODS' PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. I will offer for sale at Public Auction at the front door of the Court House, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1878. Commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. (If not sold at private sale before that date), the following described property: Two-thirds of Lot No. 191, situated on the east side of Chapline street, in Centre Wheeling, P. M. ward. The property is elegantly improved. It has on it a splendid brick dwelling, with a small outbuilding, and a large barn, all in the most modern style, has gas, water throughout, and has every convenience to make it a home comfortable, and being beautifully located. Persons desiring to purchase a beautiful residence and most elegantly located, should avail themselves of this opportunity. Information regarding the said property can be had by calling on Harvey, Pratt & Co., Real Estate Agents, No. 120 Market Street.

PUBLIC SALE OF F. C. WINSHIP, Agent.

SHEIB'S MUSIC STORE. Main Street. As it is desired to not remove any of the stock now on hand, to the New Store Under Washington Hall.

Persons wanting anything in the Music line will find it to their interest to secure one or more of the Bona Fide Bargains to be obtained in every article in this Store. WILL REMOVE ABOUT MARCH FIFTH. The whole Stock at Cost till then.

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HANDSOME LACE CURTAINS. Of all Styles, at G. MENDEL, BOOTH & CO'S.

WANTED—\$5,000 or any amount up to \$10,000, on good mortgage on real estate. Address "M. T." this office.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk until Thursday, 21st day of March, 1878, at 10 o'clock P. M., for the purchase of hard blue limestone. The same to be delivered broken and spread on both between 16th and 17th streets. Work to be done under the supervision of the Street Commissioner and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Streets, Alleys and Grades. The Committee reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

B. O. R. INVESTIGATING COM. MITTEE. The committee appointed by the Legislature to investigate the charges of "charges for transportation" &c., on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, will meet at Martinsburg on the 24th day of April, at Keyser on the 30th day of April, at Grafton on the 5th day of May, and at Wheeling on the 12th day of May, 1878. All persons having complaints to make or evidence to produce upon the subject of inquiry are requested to appear before the committee at the time and places above mentioned. By order of the Committee. D. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.

IMPORTATION OF WHITE CHINA. JUST OPENED. New Shapes, New Designs, AT CUMMINS & WOODS' PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. I will offer for sale at Public Auction at the front door of the Court House, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1878. Commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. (If not sold at private sale before that date), the following described property: Two-thirds of Lot No. 191, situated on the east side of Chapline street, in Centre Wheeling, P. M. ward. The property is elegantly improved. It has on it a splendid brick dwelling, with a small outbuilding, and a large barn, all in the most modern style, has gas, water throughout, and has every convenience to make it a home comfortable, and being beautifully located. Persons desiring to purchase a beautiful residence and most elegantly located, should avail themselves of this opportunity. Information regarding the said property can be had by calling on Harvey, Pratt & Co., Real Estate Agents, No. 120 Market Street.

PUBLIC SALE OF F. C. WINSHIP, Agent.

SHEIB'S MUSIC STORE. Main Street. As it is desired to not remove any of the stock now on hand, to the New Store Under Washington Hall.

Persons wanting anything in the Music line will find it to their interest to secure one or more of the Bona Fide Bargains to be obtained in every article in this Store. WILL REMOVE ABOUT MARCH FIFTH. The whole Stock at Cost till then.

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